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In a LETTER, *&c.*

SIR,

I Received your Letter, wherein you give me an Account of a ſtrange ſort of Diſtemper in the Eyes of the Inhabitants about *London*: And I find you deſire that I would communicate what uſefull Obſervations I have made in that Diſtemper.

I muſt tell you, that our Countrey Folk are infeſted with the ſame Diſtemper, and I attribute it unto ſome unuſual Qualities in the Air and Winds at this time; and I find that the uſe of an *American* Specifick doth great Service with us: I learned it of an *Indian* Doctor; it is a ſort of a Scarlet Seed with a ſmall black Speck in it: They are not eaſie to be met with, I once had ſome from a Druggiſt in *Walbrook*, but have forgot his Name. They ſingularly dry up Rhumes in the Head, ſtrengthen the Optick Nerves, cool Inflamations in the Eyes, and comfort the Animal Spirits; they cleanſe and heal: By their Balſamick vertue diſperſe the cloudineſs of the Brain, and clear the Sight. I am credibly informed that Dr. *Stepkins* that Eminent Oculiſt, performed many Admirable Cures with them, amongſt Men, Women and Children.

One of your Citizens of *London*, who hath conſulted with Dr. *Turbervil* of *Salisbury*, came into our Countrey, having a grievous Opthal-

Opthalmy, desired my Assistance, finding no Relief by his Advice. I directed him to the use of these *American* Seeds: I gave him the Tincture, Spirit and Extract in Waters, and also in Milk, and in all the liquid Aliments he took, and I caus'd him to wear a Necklace of the same. It dryed up all his Rhumes in Forty days time.

An old Gentlewoman whose Eyes were almost put out by the Evil, and had not only an Inflammation, but a Cataract was much feared, because some of her Relations had been blind by that Distemper. I applyed the same Remedies to her, and it succeeded to Admiration.

A young Woman whose Eyes were wonderfully inflamed after the Small Pox, and so weak she could not endure to look against the Light, and in great Pain; she had been blooded, and Purged, and Bannio'd and Blister'd, and Cupt, had made two Issues, and a Seton in her Neck; and the Lady *Ivy* had applyed many Eye-waters, and Powders and Oynt-

Oyntments for ſeven Months, and all to no purpoſe; and at length the uſe of this Specifick perfectly recover'd her Eyes, to the great Joy of her Relations and her ſelf.

A Child about four years old, whoſe Eyes were extream bad, and lay under the hands of a Woman who pretended great skill, ſhe pickt Five pounds out of the Parents pocket, upon a Promiſe of Cure, but never perform'd it. But at length one who had received Benefit by this Specifick, recommended it, and received thanks for ſo doing from the Childs Friends, and it hath been well ever ſince.

A Miniſter whoſe Eyes by Reading and late Studying had a violent Defluxion of Rhume upon them, that they always looked Blood-ſhotten; after the uſe of other Methods for two Months together, to no purpoſe; and then hearing of this Medicine, applyed himſelf to it, and only waſht his Eyes with pure Spring-water, and this Specifick perfectly recover'd him.

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A young Child born blind, was helpt by the Nurſes taking theſe Drops, the Child only ſucking her Milk, but its Diſtemper was an Opthalmy, but not a true Cataract.

There was a whole Family very much Diſtemper'd with Hot Rhumes in their Eyes; three of the Perſons were in danger of Cataracts growing in them: They had uſed all ſorts of Applications, and had ſuffer'd three pretending Women to tamper with them ſeveral Months, and at laſt hearing of theſe Scarlet Seeds, wore Necklaces of them, and took the Tincture made of them in all their Drink, and in a Months time were perfectly Cured, only taking twenty Drops at a time.

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